



SCOUTING STRENGTHENS AND INVIGORATES DEMOCRACY

BOY SCOUT WEEK

Boy Scouts throughout the country celebrate the 31st anniversary of the movement in America during the week of Feb. 7-13. While the slogan on the poster above emphasizes the fact that "Scouting strengthens and invigorates democracy" all America agrees that Scout membership is in itself the essence of democracy.

Striking an encouraging note in the world of unrest today has been the extended work of the Boy Scouts of America, the world's largest youth organization. The men and boys registered in this federally-chartered group have pledged themselves to follow a program of strengthening and invigorating democracy in the United States. A nine-point program stressing self-reliance and ability to react in times of emergency has been undertaken by more than a million and a half members of the Boy Scout movement.

These 12 to 16-year-old boys, under the leadership of volunteer adult workers, are "learn-

Home Defense Plan Outlined to Group Here

"At the invitation of Judge Robert Lessing, head of the Torrance Coordinating Council, 12 men and women representing various civic, fraternal, service and school groups in the city met late last week to discuss formation of a home defense program for Torrance.

Lessing explained that the Coordinators on Nov. 18, 1940 formed plans to set up machinery to combat the "subversive influences as result of economic and social upheaval in times of world crisis." The structure for carrying out functions of home defense, as outlined by the Coordinators, included a Home Defense Council divided into these committees or groups: spiritual or moral values, housing, vocational training and education, integration of new residents, recreation and leisure time needs and health.

No action was taken at last week's meeting but a number of suggestions were made as to how to carry out the objectives of the various parts of the program. It was emphasized that the home defense council itself "would act simply as a coordinating and central filing bureau, for dissemination of information necessary to the functioning of committees and to encourage support of the community for the program."

TRIALS POSTPONED

Jury trials of the six men arrested here on gambling charges Jan. 24 were postponed yesterday morning at the request of their attorney. No definite date has been set for the case as yet. The defendants are at liberty on \$25 bail each.

MARCH OF RIMES

ATTIC STATIC — By H. F. NOAKE

Who hasn't climbed those creaky stairs and entered that mysterious room, where family relics congregate, to share alike, a common doom? In stuffy darkness all about, lie countless trappings, long passe; on yonder hooks, two uniforms, a faded blue, a tattered gray. The flashlight's glow reveals a trunk, within, a dainty wedding dress, who could have been the lucky bride? The answer, one can only guess. A box of toys, quite cold and still, tin soldiers, drum and tarnished horn; what joy they brought some youthful heart on that forgotten Christmas morn. A pile of books, old shoes and hats, a music box long choked with dust; and barrels crammed with bric-a-brac, a dangling sword, now sheathed in rust. What ghosts appear in attic rooms, reminding all who come to pry, that family treasures bow to time, but memories, just never die.

NOAKE

Officer Haslam Wounds Self at Pistol Range

Sergeant Willard Haslam will carry a remembrance of his pistol practice at the Torrance police range Tuesday morning with him for the rest of his life. It is a leaden slug, firmly imbedded in the bone above his right knee.

Haslam accidentally shot himself in the leg as he was indulging in some "combat" practice at the range. Rushed to Torrance Memorial hospital, he was given emergency treatment and later when X-rays showed that the bullet had not shattered the bone and was firmly imbedded where it probably would never do any harm, his physician decided to let it stay there.

The sergeant was practicing at the range with Officers Tom Perkin, Fred Spehger and Gene Garner Tuesday. They were "combat" shooting—where an officer walks away from the target of a man and, at a given signal, whirls around drawing his gun and firing for time. Haslam, his fellow officers reported, was wearing a type of holster that he had not used for some time.

He evidently had some difficulty getting his .38 calibre police special revolver out of the holster and accidentally discharged the weapon. The bullet plowed down his right leg and entered the bone directly above his knee. Because in target practice officers use reloaded shells with only about one-half of the powder content of factory-loaded bullets, the leaden slug did not do the damage a bullet ordinarily inflicts.

For a long time, Sergeant Haslam has been called "Pop" by his fellow-officers but now he is being dubbed "Lead in the Leg" Haslam.

Bowlers Give Lagging Dimes Drive a Boost

The largest single contribution to the Torrance "March of Dimes" fund raised during the past two weeks to combat infantile paralysis was donated by the Torrance Bowling Academy on Carson street following day-long games last Thursday. A total of \$17.76, representing the gross income that day, was turned over to Postmaster Earl Conner, chairman of the Dimes drive, by Manager Ed Gaspar.

Elsewhere the "March of Dimes" campaign here lagged considerably behind the drives of previous years. Conner said today he had no way of estimating the total contributed because many who had lapel buttons to sell have not reported. He asked The Herald to thus notify "March of Dimes" workers to turn in their collections and left-over buttons at once so that he can make a full report to the state organization as soon as possible.

The day of bowling at the Torrance Academy alleys, arranged by Tommy McNeil and Manager Gaspar, witnessed two feature events and a number of bowlers also participated to make the "Dimes" day there an outstanding success. The city firemen defeated Torrance policemen, 2,241 to 2,191, but Police Chief John Stroh won the major prize, a \$5 "March of Dimes" lapel button (which he turned back to the local committee for re-sale). Stroh turned in low score of 321 for the afternoon. Lou DeIninger was high scorer, getting a 495.

The firemen keepers were Hannebrink, Walker, Whitney, Winters and Summers while the police team was composed of Travoli, Stroh, Bennett, Garner and Perkin.

The Torrance Business Men (June, Fenwick, L. DeIninger and Schwartz) defeated the Professional Men (Alden Smith, Neelands, C. Emry and Isbell) 1,903 to 1,887.

RAINFALL FIGURES

Last night's rainstorm drenched the city in 1.29 inches of very wet moisture. The downpour brought the season's total rainfall up to 13.44 inches. Last year the total at this time was 13.45 inches.



PLACED ON DISPLAY

Inspecting the huge clam shell, estimated to weigh between 600 and 700 pounds, recently placed on exhibition at the Torrance American

They are very harmless now but the story goes that they once nearly caused the death of a South Sea Island prince.

"They" are the huge shells of the Tridachna Gigas, a monster clam, which are on display at the American Legion clubhouse. The shells were presented to the Legion for exhibition by Charles J. Tulee, first mate of the American freighter Admiral Y. S. Williams.

Weighing more than 800 pounds, the shell contained meat enough to serve 1,200 people with all the clam chowder they could eat. The meat weighed some 300

Legion clubhouse are, left to right, W. B. Woodriddle, Herald circulation manager, and Tom Watson, member of the Post, who hauled the shells here from San Pedro.

the great clam which clamped its shell on the boy's foot. "I pried the jaws open and cut the shell's muscles," he said. "The kid got his foot out and did not seem hurt. Chief Taperantatu, the boy's father, gave me the big shell as a gift."

First Mate Tulee is again on the high seas of the Pacific but his great clam shells are attracting a lot of attention at the Legion clubhouse where they will be displayed for an indefinite time. Commander Ed Bird announces that the clubhouse will be open afternoons to school children and others who may wish to see the exhibit.

D & M Tooling Up For Production On \$500,000 Nat'l. Defense Order

Will Build Lathes for U.S. Plants

With a backlog of national defense machine tool orders totaling more than \$500,000, things are beginning to hum at the D & M Machine Works on Artisan street.

But present production is but a "drop in the bucket" compared to the output there when Frank Dalton, president of the concern, gets his assembly line in operation.

"I will be putting out more than \$6,000 worth of lathes a day for two years and possibly five years," he said today. "Right now my biggest job is getting equipment and trained men—both of which are at a premium these days."

To Make Lathes

Dalton recently returned from Rockford, Ill., where he arranged with the Rockford Machine Tool Company to manufacture at his Torrance plant and three other Los Angeles locations that firm's "Rockford Economy Lathes." Last week he moved to the Torrance plant the necessary drawings, blueprints, patterns, jigs, fixtures and some tools.

In producing machine tools, which will be sent to plants all over the U. S. where firms are "tooling up" for national defense orders, the D & M Company will add more than 100 engineers and machinists to its present force of 60, Dalton disclosed.

New machinery is being installed daily to equip the assembly line for mass production.

Here Since 1930

In addition to the new product, the Torrance shop will continue to turn out liners, rods and pistons for oil well pumps and liner castings.

Dalton's shop has been located here since 1930. He moved the plant to Torrance from Lomita.

Bus Bids and Gas Franchise Hearing at Council Feb. 11

Next Tuesday night, Feb. 11, the city council is scheduled to open bids on two new buses of 25 to 27-passenger capacity which may be purchased for the city's own bus line to and from Los Angeles. At the same meeting, councilmen will hold a public hearing on the application of the Southern California Gas Company for a new franchise to operate here.

Awards for Work in Harbor District Total 435 Millions

Careful estimates made this week by newspapers, civic groups and other agencies indicated that approximately 45,000 workers will be employed before the end of the current year on shipbuilding, aircraft construction and plant expansion in the Harbor District. Awards for industries allied with the national defense program now total \$485,000,000 in this area.

Surveys show that there is an abundance of man-power in Los Angeles county and several thousand men are now being trained for work in the shipbuilding and aircraft construction plants. Only trained men are desired. No influx of labor from the outside is sought because of the large number of workers available here.

Contracts Listed

Here is the breakdown on the defense contracts: D & M Machine Shop, Torrance, lathe contract, \$500,000, resulting in an as yet unannounced plant expansion cost. Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation, Terminal Island, destroyer contract, \$85,250,000. Yard expansion \$4,250,000. California Shipbuilding Company, Terminal Island, Maritime Commission contract for cargo ships, \$52,500,000. Plant installation, \$4,786,000.

Los Angeles Shipbuilding and Drydock Corporation, San Pedro, Navy repair ships, \$41,950,000. Consolidated Steel Corporation, Craig yard, Long Beach, four C-1 freighters, \$3,000,000, one of which has been launched. The company also holds contract for 32 steel lighters and two transporters which will be built in Long Beach or in the company's Texas plant.

Douglas Aircraft Company, Long Beach, plant installation, \$12,000,000. Contract for bombers to be built in Long Beach \$141,000,000. Vultee Aircraft Corporation, Downey, plant expansion, \$5,000,000. Backlog of orders, \$80,000,000.

Adventure Loses Appeal for Aged Lawndale Man After Two Days on Long, Long Road to Torrance

By MICHAEL STRASZER

Call it what you will—wanderlust, running away from home, escape or adventure—the lure of traveling appeals to young and old.

But Grant Walker was glad his unannounced plans to hike the highways to some happy haven were interrupted here last Sunday night.

After all, when one is 72 years of age, one cannot be comfortable away from one's own bed and the little pleasant things that make up an old man's sunset days.

Septuagenarian Walker did not tell anyone why he was leaving or where he was going when he struck out down the street from his sister's home in Lawndale last Saturday. He had \$10 and the day was bright and warm. His age rested lightly on his bent shoulders.

City's Per Capita Bonded Debt \$39, Survey Reveals

Bonded debt of the city of Torrance totalled \$396,000 at June 30, 1939, an average of \$39.80 for each of the 9,950 persons in the city, according to a study of per capita bonded debt of cities just made public by California Taxpayers' association. The city ranked 65th from the highest

Names of 41 for Third Draft Call Being Selected

Instructed late last week to produce 41 young men for Army training of Feb. 17, members of Selective Service Board No. 290 were still hard at work today trying to complete the list for the third draft call-out.

The next contingent is the largest yet to be summoned for training from this area. The first call-out had four volunteers on Nov. 22 and the second, on Jan. 20 had 11 volunteers and 11 draftees. Carl Marsteller, clerk to the local board, said today that he expects to have the third call-out list ready for announcement next Thursday. Eleven of the new contingent will be volunteers, it was disclosed today.

The state's 284 local draft boards will induct 11,662 young men into Army training at the coming third call-out under the national conscription program. An initial contingent of 1,127 was sent to training camps last November (four going from the local draft board) and 6,231 were included in the second call (which sent 22 young men into service from this area Jan. 20).

Negro draftees are included in the latest list for the first time. Men whose numbers come up in the third call will report to induction centers between Feb. 17 (date of the local call) and March 14. Selective Service officials emphasized that the quotas released are subject to change.

County Planners Meet Here Feb. 8

Between 50 and 60 men and women from as many cities and communities in Los Angeles are expected to attend the luncheon meeting of the County Planning Congress at the Torrance Woman's clubhouse next Saturday afternoon, Feb. 8. All members of the local city council and City Planning Commission have been urged by Mayor Tom McGuiire to attend. The luncheon will begin at 12:45 o'clock.

R. E. Wright of Sierra Madre will preside and the principal speaker will be Edwin A. Bird, manager of the Torrance office of the California Employment Service. Bird will talk on "The Relation of Industry to Planning."

GUILTY OF ATTACK

Found guilty in Superior court Tuesday of attacking a 13-year-old local girl, Roger Hornback, 21, of 703 Anapala avenue, is scheduled to receive a probation hearing and sentence Feb. 19. He was arrested here Nov. 29 and pled not guilty at his arraignment and trial.

among California cities in per capita debt, the association found. Payments for debt service on the municipal debt during the fiscal year 1939 amounted to \$2,925 for interest and \$10,000 for redemption, a total of \$12,925.

The \$396,000 bonded debt of the city is only a part of the total \$933,000,000 bonded indebtedness of the state and local governments of California outstanding at June 30, 1940, an indebtedness which averaged \$135.07 for each man, woman, and child in the state.

This \$933,000,000 bonded indebtedness, the association declared, does not include the share of the Federal debt which must eventually be paid by Californians. The Federal debt limit, it appears, may soon be raised to \$65,000,000,000; when it reaches that point, the federal debt alone will average \$494 for each and every man, woman, and child in the United States.

"Today, with the Federal government constantly going deeper and deeper into the red to provide for the national defense as well as ordinary expense, great care should be exercised by citizens and by local governments in considering new bond proposals," the Taxpayers' association stated.

"Every proposal, no matter how desirable it may appear on the surface, should be viewed in relation to three things:

"1. the taxes and debts of the federal, state, and local governments;

"2. the future taxes which the federal government must inevitably levy upon the people to pay for the preparedness program; and

"3. the need for the project. No proposed bond issue should be passed by the people unless the voters are convinced that the project carries a 'certificate of absolute necessity.' In addition, almost all 'boom town' proposals to pay for projects desirable today, but useless when the defense program is at an end, should be defeated."

Funds for 'Iron Lung' Sought by Legion Post Here

Sponsored by the Torrance American Legion post, a campaign to raise \$540 to purchase an "iron lung" for general public use will be launched tomorrow morning with sale of "Save a Life Seals," according to Commander Edwin Bird. The proposed equipment will be a Portable Aluminum Lung with three attachments to fit infants, young people and adults.

While the apparatus may possibly be kept at Torrance Memorial hospital or the fire station, it will be available at all times to the public without charge. The "lung" will be kept in readiness for rushing to homes of infantile paralysis victims, heart attack and electrocution victims and for other emergencies.

Surrounding communities have successfully launched similar campaigns and the apparatus has been secured in Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Huntington Park, South Gate and other cities. A drive for the same amount needed here is now being successfully concluded in Redondo Beach.

The "lung" which will be purchased for Torrance is designed with a view toward adaptability, flexibility and portability, simple to operate and comparatively moderate in cost as compared with the larger and more cumbersome equipment.

The three sizes of chest section meets the needs of all ages and sizes, it is pointed out. Being portable, it can be used not only in the hospital, but also is instantly available for rushing to homes. It can be used in autos, ambulances or planes because of its adaptability to every conceivable emergency.

Details of the "Save a Life Seals" drive are being completed today by Commander Bird and other interested residents with representatives of the firm selling the "iron lung."

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